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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER This week was cloudy, humid and warm. Fog with occasional very light rain or drizzle was reported throughout the week in the east and during the final 5 days in the west. The only measurable precipitation was in amounts up to .05 of an inch in the southeast. Temperature averages ranged from 10 degrees above normal in the southern Panhandle and extreme southeast to 20 degrees above normal in the northeast.

November temperatures were above normal, precipitation was below normal.

CROPS Harvest of all crops is virtually completed with only occasional fields of corn and sorghum in scattered areas of the State remaining to be harvested. Mild, dry fall weather favored rapid progress and harvest reached the wind-up stage much earlier than usual. Losses during harvest have been relatively light compared with recent years. For the most part, fields have less fallen grain and hand gleaning activities are on a smaller scale than normal.

Winter wheat is in good condition and continues to make some growth. The crop in southeastern counties has benefited from recent rains but topsoil moisture is short in other areas. The unusual rank growth of the wheat and lack of fall rainfall has resulted in depleted moisture reserves in the topsoil.

Wheat fields that were infected with leaf rust have shown some improvement recently. Some damage from Hessian fly is reported in a few southern counties. Winter pastures and ranges remain open for grazing, providing ample feed for livestock. Some grass is still growing but most of it is dry and brittle. Moisture is needed to soften the grass and reduce the fire hazard which is serious in the range land country.

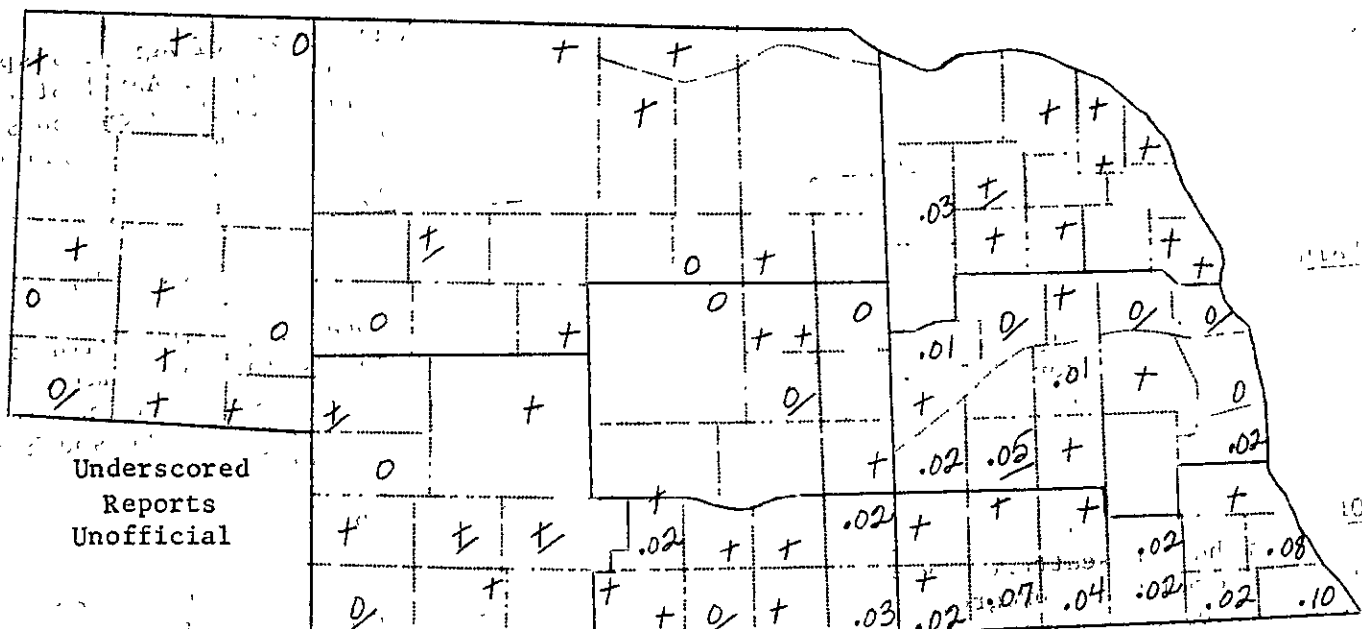
Mild weather last week enabled farmers to proceed with fall plowing and to apply fertilizer to some fields. Many were busy with their usual chores and getting ready for winter. Grain marketing activities commanded attention.

LIVESTOCK Most livestock are in good condition although a few reports indicate some sickness in cattle and calves grazing on dry feed. Movement of cattle and calves to feedlots is at a slow pace as harvested corn and sorghum fields, together with wheat fields, still provide good forage. Supplemental feeding of cattle in the range country is less than usual at this date. Feedlot cattle are making good progress. The mild weather and dry lots have contributed to good gains. Production rates for all species of livestock are well above average.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 3, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.02	North Platte	T	Imperial	0
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.02			Sidney	T
Sioux City	T				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1962



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		November						December							
		27th		28th		29th		30th		1st		2nd		3rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	67	32	66	33	50	34	51	34	55	33	57	18	55	45
	Scottsbluff	65	30	66	28	50	33	46	33	55	26	46	19	56	40
	Sidney	64	28	62	32	49	32	50	32	49	24	51	23	51	29
NC	Burwell	46	43	51	42	54	35	53	44	51	38	59	34	45	--
	Valentine	68	36	61	33	49	31	50	35	49	33	55	22	49	33
NE	Norfolk	49	46	49	45	51	44	56	43	52	43	59	48	53	51
	Sioux City	51	46	49	45	53	46	56	40	57	42	62	50	57	52
CEN	Grand Island	44	42	46	44	53	43	49	39	50	38	54	45	49	44
EC	Lincoln	49	45	48	46	53	46	56	37	60	50	61	49	57	50
	Omaha	52	43	45	44	50	45	59	38	60	50	60	50	55	50
SW	Imperial	64	22	61	31	54	38	58	40	48	30	59	26	50	28
	North Platte	52	34	51	44	56	38	51	44	53	39	57	27	50	28

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